

JUNE 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Parking fee applies. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Rain cancels most programs. In case of inclement weather, confirm by calling (508) 238-6566. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid).

Daily

AMES FAMILY PHOTO EXHIBIT

8:00 am—8:00 pm, In the Visitor Center

Stop by the Newcombe Visitor Center at Borderland State Park to learn about the Ames family and the construction of the Borderland estate through a series of photographs. Self-guided.

Daily

SELF-GUIDED BROCHURES

8:00 am—8:00 pm, At the Visitor Center

Want to learn more about the architecture of the historic Ames Mansion or the grounds? Self-guided tour brochures are free and available in the entry way of the visitor center. For all ages.

Sundays,
Mondays,
and
Wednesdays

MANSION TOURS

Times vary. Registration required.

Step back in time and explore the first floor of the historic Ames Mansion at Borderland and learn about the Ames family. Free guided tours are offered throughout the week. Themes and times vary. Tours are thirty minutes long, first floor only.

Advance registration required. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/borderland-state-park-mass-dcr-44656431063>. Meet in front of Mansion.

Sundays

- 1:00-1:30pm: Mansion Tour: Building a Home
- 2:00-2:30pm: Mansion Tour: Building a Home
- 3:00-3:30pm: Kids Mansion Tour
- 4:00-4:30pm: Mansion Tour: Women's Rights

Mondays

- 3:00-3:30pm: Kids Mansion Tour
- 4:00-4:30pm: Mansion Tour: Women's Rights

Wednesdays

- 1:00-1:30pm: Mansion Tour

Sunday,
June 19 & 26

FISH IDENTIFICATION

11:00 am-2:00 pm, Meet at the Lodge

Learn some techniques to identify the fish in the ponds of Borderland. Do you know how to tell the age of a fish? We will use a microscope to answer that question! Drop-in any time and stay as long as you like.

Sundays,
Saturdays,
Fridays
(Dates vary)

FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION,

1:00 pm—2:00 pm, Meet at the Lodge

Curious about the natural world? Join us for family friendly, hands-on fun exploration in nature. Topics vary. Come to one or come to all! Rain cancels. Drop-in program.

June 3, 5 & 10—Ponding at the Lodge: Use nets and buckets to catch some animals in Leach Pond. Using a tally of what we find, we'll determine the water quality, Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet.

June 12, 17, & 24—Animals Pelts & Activities: Learn about the animals you can find at Borderland.

Wednesdays

GARDEN TOUR: SECRETS OF THE LAND

2:00 pm—2:30 pm, Meet in front of Ames Mansion

In the early 1900s, rock gardens were all the rage! Harvard botanist, Oakes Ames enjoyed spending time in these gardens that features many different types of plants and rocks. Learn about the rock garden, swimming pool and a few other features of the land. For adults and older children. Rain cancels.

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Wednesdays KIDS FISHING AT BORDERLAND

5:00 pm—7:00 pm, Meet at Puds Pond

Do you want to learn how to fish? We will supply the poles, bait and will teach you all the basics and some tips, too! For parking information, please email Borderland.Park@mass.gov. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursdays OFF THE BEATEN PATH HIKES

1:00 pm—3:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center

Join the Park Interpreter for a guided hike. Explore different trails each week. Hikes are between 2-4 miles long on varied terrain at a moderate pace. Bring drinking water. For adults.

Thursdays,
June 2, 9, 16
& 30

INTRODUCTION TO NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY: USING SMARTPHONES

4:00 pm—5:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center

Want to sharpen your photography skills? Interested in exploring nature at Borderland? Learn more about using your smartphone camera to capture the many different plants and animals at Borderland. For teens and adults. Bring your own smartphone. Rain cancels.

Fridays

ARCHITECTURAL TOUR: A STORY IN STONE

5:00 pm—5:30 pm, Meet in front of Mansion

Who was the architect of the Ames Mansion? Learn the story of the construction and design of the Ames mansion on this 30-minute exterior tour. We will not be going into the Mansion. For adults and older children. Rain will cancel.

Saturdays

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

9:00 am—10:00 am, Meet at the Visitor Center

Join the park interpreter for a different nature themed story, craft and short walk each week. Story and craft will take place inside the visitor center, followed by a short nature walk. For children ages 4+. Rain or shine.

Saturday,
June 11 & 25

THE WILD WETLANDS

1:00 pm—2:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center

Explore wetlands, find out who lives in them, and how to protect them. Following a short presentation at the visitor center, we'll hike to the wetlands at Borderland. Hiking route may vary, approximately 1-mile on flat terrain. Bring water and wear bug repellent. Rain cancels hike portion.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday,
June 11

FREE CLASSICAL CONCERT

6:00 pm—7:00 pm, Ames Mansion Lawn

Join the Apollo Ensemble of Boston Winds, led by conductor Elias Miller. Comprised of flutes, oboes, clarinets, French horns and more. Will feature tuneful, lively music by Brahms, Rossini and others. Bring a chair and or a blanket, relax and enjoy this free concert.

Saturday,
June 18

DCR SE MASS ADULT WALKING CLUB,

12:00 pm—2:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center

Join the park staff for a 4.5-mile moderately paced hike to Bob's Trail via the Pond Walk. Route will be mostly flat and may be wet in some areas. Dress for the weather and bring bug spray, sunblock and water. For adults 16+ years.